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PASS TREASURY FOR PARSKY AND COMMERCE FOR HEARN

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMUNICATIONS MATERIALS BY JOINT COMMISSION

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM CHARLES WILK, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS EXPERT IN RIYADH, ADDRESSED TO DR. PAUL POLISHUK OF THAT OFFICE:

2. MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS NOW CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVE ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO INCLUDE BOTH: AN INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY FOR T/C: AS WELL AS ADOPTING STRUCTURE MORE SUITABLE FOR EVENTUAL O&M OF ALL SAG T/C. THIS MATTER IS INDICATED TO BE OF INTENSE INTEREST NOW. REQUEST YOU FORWARD ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTS OF AT&T, GTE AND PERHAPS CONTINENTAL TEL. FOR STUDY, AS AVAILABLE. SENT TO U.S. EMBASSY, JIDDA BY DIPLOMATIC COURIER POUCH OR APO WHICHEVER FASTER. IF DELAY ANTICIPATED, PLEASE ADVISE.

3. CONSIDERABLE INITIAL INTEREST BY DEP. MIN., FOR COMM. SHEIK FAKIEH IN HAVING AT&T PROVIDE SENIOR LEVEL CONSULTANTS & MANAGERS DIRECTLY IN MINISTRY, RIYADH.

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FUNCTIONS APPEAR TO CENTER ON MGMT. GUIDANCE, OPERA-

TIONAL ADVICE, AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT & EVALUATIONS TO ASSIST IN PROGRESS TOWARD A MATURE SAUDI MANAGED ORGANIZATION. I WILL TRY TO DETERMINE SPECIFICS, LIKELY DURABILITY OF INTEREST, AND WHETHER PRIVATE, REIMBUTS-ABLE SUPPORT IS UNDERSTOOD. MEANWHILE, YOU MIGHT CONSIDER (A) ALTERING APPROPRIATE ATT&T CORP. LEVEL FOR REACTION (B) BRIEFLY REFLECTING ON WHETHER ANY OBSTACLES EXIST, E.G. FCC INTERESTS IN AT&T INT'L ACTIVITIES; JUSTICE DEPT. CONCERNS; DOC AND STATE VIEWS (C) ADVISE AT&T/W.E./GEN. MGR. GOVT. OPNS BOB BRIGHT (N. CAROLINA) THAT RECENT SAUDI VISITOR DR. MANSOUR IS NOT IN MIN. OF COMM., HENCE HIS INVITATION TO WECO FOR PROPOSAL MAY NOT HAVE STANDING. WOULD NOT RECOMMEND SIGNIFICANT INITIATIVES ON ANY OF ABOVE PENDING CLARIFICATION OF NEEDS AND LIKELIHOOD OF FOLLOW THRU BY FAKIEH.

4. PLS ADVISE MRS. WILK THAT TOTAL TRIP NOT LIKELY TO EXCEED THREE WEEKS. ALSO PASS TO JACKSON HEARN/DOC EXTENSION 3993. SIGNED WILK
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